

**Will Probate, NC, Bertie, Needham Bryan 1767 1777**

In the name of God, amen.

[---] Third day of September in the year of our Lord 1767, I **NEEDHAM BRYAN** of North Carolina in the county of Bertie, farmer, being very sick in body but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last Will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touches and as touches such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and devise and dispose of the [same] in the following manner and form.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath **SARAH**, my dearly beloved wife, one feather bed and furniture, choice of all my beds, one horse the choice as she likes, side saddle and [B-t] and after her decease to go in the estate.

ITEM I give to my grandson **WILLIAM BRYAN** son of my son **WILLIAM** my still and my [-] of smith's tools.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my [four] grandsons **EZEKIEL WILLIAMS**, **LEWIS GARDNER** and **JOSEPH GARNINGHAM** and my daughter's son **WILLIAM** her first born each of them a [---] apiece and that to XXX XXX XXX I[-----]d **ELIZABETH** and **SUSANNA HARRELL** one [---] called grey.

ITEM I give and bequeath to young **JACOB [JERNIGAN] GARNINGHAM** three pounds out of my estate when shared and after my debts is paid.

ITEM I do lend all all my whole estate to my wife and grandson **WILLIAM BRYAN** that now lives with me and after my wife's widowhood to be equally divided to my three children all get he has in reason that his share all rest to my son **NEEDHAM** and **WILLIAM** and daughter **RACHEL** and my son **NEEDHAM** and son **WILLIAM** and son-in-law **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** for every one of them to choose them a men to valet and divide in three lots and each to take their share.

And I do make and ordain my two sons **NEEDHAM BRYAN** and **WILLIAM BRYAN** my sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul and all and every other former testaments and wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any wise before this time named or meant.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

**NEEDHAM BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed and published, pronounced and declared by me, the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN SENIOR** as his last will and testament in the presents of we the subscribers.

**WILLIAM TURNER  
JAMES TURNER  
JOSEPH TURNER**

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The estate of Needham Bryan, deceased, in acct with William Bryan, executor

**THADER [Cadar] JENKINS**  
**ARTHUR BROWN**  
**NEEDHAM BRYAN**, xxx deceased  
**RACHEL BRYAN**, daughter of said deceased  
**WILLIAM BRYAN**, son of **ANN BRYAN**, his legacy  
**WILLIAM BRYAN**, son of said deceased  
**WILLIAM FREEMAN**  
**LEWIS GARDNER**, his legacy  
**PUGHT GRIMES**  
**WHITMELL HILL**  
**THOMAS HOUSE**  
**JACOB JEARNIGAN [JERNIGAN]**, his legacy  
**JOSEPH JEARNIGAN [JERNIGAN]**, his legacy  
**JOHN JOHNSTON**  
Colonel **THOMAS PUGH**  
**THOMAS WATSON**  
**EZEKIEL WILLIAMS**, his legacy  
**SOLOMON WILSON**

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Bertie County

Pursuant to the directions of an order of the inferior court of pleas and quarter sessions began and held for the said county on the second Tuesday in May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, we the subscribers met, examined and audited and settled the accounts of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, executor of **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, decease, and find a balance due to the said deceased's estate of four hundred and eighty eight pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence proclamation money which will be divided and set apart agreeable to the last will and testament of the said deceased.

To the [...] of **NEEDAM BRYAN**, son of the said deceased, for his part and share of the said deceased's estate one hundred and sixty two pounds, seventeen shillings and eleven pence proclamation money.

To **RACHEL WHITFIELD**, daughter of the said deceased's for her part and share of the said deceased's estate One hundred and sixty two pounds, seventeen shillings and eleven pence proclamation money.

To **WILLIAM BRYAN**, daughter of the said deceased's for her part and share of the said deceased's estate.

15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1777

**NOAH HINTON**  
**JAMES MOORE**  
**THOMAS HOUSE**

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The return of the estate of  
**NEEDHAM BRYAN**

Bertie County

Recorded in book D Page 47

**JOHN JOHNSTON, CC**

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The 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1776

Last inventory of part of the estate of **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, deceased

1 bond payable from **ROBERT "CAK"**  
1 mach case  
1 table cloth

**W. BRYAN**

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June 1770

Account of the sales at **NEEDHAM BRYAN's**

**WILLIAM BRYAN** Junr.  
**EZEKIEL WIMBERLY**  
**THOMAS MARTAIN**

**THOMAS WATSON**, D. S.

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Bertie County

25<sup>th</sup> January 1770

A true and perfect inventory of the estate of **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, deceased, as far as is come to hand

Negro Men: TONEY, POMPY, CUTH

Negro Women: JUDA, BESS



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Account of the sales of the estate of **NEEDHAM BRYAN** Deceased, of Bertie County the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1776

[INVENTORY LIST]

**ARTHUR BROWN**